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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A product comprising:
a computer readable storage medium; and
computer-readable program instructions embodied in the medium, the computer-readable program instructions including:
first instructions for receiving manual entry of events and generating a calendar view that represents time in calendar format and visually associates events with respective periods of time, the calendar view including at least one manually entered past event and at least one manually entered event scheduled at a future time; and
second instructions for generating a media view that provides access to digital media files and associates digital media files with a period of time,
wherein at least one of the events is created and represented in the calendar view independent of any digital media files, and
wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to generate a timeline view that combines the calendar view and the media view such that multiple media file representations are enabled to be displayed in a corresponding period of time segment of the timeline view along with a text identification of an event associated with the multiple media file representations.
2. (Previously Presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating the media view associate digital media files with event information.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The product of Claim 1-3, wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to generate, in the timeline view, a timeline associated with the media view.

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5. (Currently Amended) The product of Claim 1-3, wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to generate, in the timeline view, a timeline associated with the calendar view and the media view.
6. (Previously Presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein said first instructions are configured to receive manual entry of events and store metadata respectively associated with the events, and wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to correlate respective metadata information of the media files and calendar events.
7. (Previously Presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein said first instructions are configured to receive manual entry of events and store metadata respectively associated with the events, and wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to combine previously distinct metadata information of one of the media files and a relevant calendar event, respectively, the relevant calendar event being manually created and represented in the calendar view independent of any digital media files.
8. (Previously Presented) The product of Claim 7, wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to store the combined metadata information into the metadata information of the media file.
9. (Previously Presented) The product of Claim 8, wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to display, in the media view, an item of information in the metadata as a title for a group of media files having the same metadata as used in the title.
10. (Previously Presented) The product of Claim 9, further comprising third instructions for searching the calendar view and the media view in terms of time period.

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11. (Currently Amended) The product of Claim 9-10, further comprising third instructions for searching the calendar view and the media view in terms of any combination of metadata information.
12. (Currently Amended) The product of Claim 1, wherein the first instructions also generate an indicator for a ~~the~~ current time.
13. (Previously Presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the first instructions also generate a delineation between past time and future time.
14. (Previously Presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions associate digital media files with a period of time based upon information associated with the digital media file.
15. (Previously Presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions provide a user a presentation mode to access the digital media files.
16. (Previously Presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions generate a media view that associates digital media files with a past period of time.
17. (Previously Presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the first instructions generate a calendar view that associates events with respective future periods of time.
18. (Previously Presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating a media view that provides access to the media files within a period in time further generates instruction that adjusts a size of a period of time view according to the amount of the media files in the period of time.

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19. (Previously Presented) The product of Claim 18, wherein the second instructions adjust the size of the period of time view so that all the media files within a period of time are visible.

20. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving manual input creating an event in a media diary application;
receiving, in the media diary application, a digital media file having metadata associated with the digital media file, the media diary application being configured to represent time in calendar format and visually associate events with respective periods of time, at least one past event of the events being created and represented in the calendar format independent of any digital media files; and

providing a user access to the digital media file via a media view that displays a representation of the digital media file in connection with a time element of the metadata, the media view being generated in a timeline view that combines the media view with a calendar view such that multiple media file representations are enabled to be displayed in a corresponding period of time segment of the timeline view along with a text identification of an event associated with the multiple media file representations, the calendar view including at least one manually entered past event and at least one manually entered event scheduled at a future time.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 20, further comprising correlating the metadata in the digital media file with distinct event metadata information for an event created and represented in the calendar format independent of any digital media files, said correlating being prior to providing a user access to the media file via a media view.

22. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving manual input creating an event in a media diary application;
receiving a digital media file having metadata associated with the digital media file;

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transmitting the file, automatically, to the media diary application, the media diary application associating the digital media file with a period in time based on the metadata and being configured to represent time in calendar format and associate events with respective periods of time, at least one ~~past event of the events~~ being created and represented in the calendar format independent of any digital media files; and

providing a user access to the digital media file via a media view that displays a representation of the digital media item in connection with the period of time, the media view being generated in a timeline view that combines the media view with a calendar view such that multiple media file representations are enabled to be displayed in a corresponding period of time segment of the timeline view along with a text identification of an event associated with the multiple media file representations, the calendar view including at least one manually entered past event and at least one manually entered event scheduled at a future time.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~22-23~~, wherein the providing the user access to the digital media file via the a-timeline view that combines a timeline with the media view and the a-calendar view of calendared events further comprises providing the user access to the digital media file via a timeline view that combines a scrollable timeline with the media view and a calendar view of calendared events.

26. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
storing information related to a calendar event in an event file, the calendar event being manually created and visually represented in a calendar independent of any digital media files;

receiving a digital media file associated with the calendar event;

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correlating the digital media file with the information in the event file; and
creating an accessible representation of the digital media file and at least a portion of the correlated information in the event file in a media view that is generated in a timeline view that combines the media view with a calendar view such that multiple media file representations are enabled to be displayed in a corresponding period of time segment of the timeline view along with a text identification of an event associated with the multiple media file representations, the calendar view including at least one manually entered past event and at least one manually entered event scheduled at a future time.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 26, wherein the storing information related to a calendar event in an event file further comprises storing information related to a calendar event in an event file associated with a calendar planner of a media diary.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 26, wherein the creating an accessible representation of the digital media file and at least a portion of the correlated information in the event file further comprises creating, in a media view of the media diary, an accessible representation of the digital media file and at least a portion of the correlated information in the event file.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 26, wherein the storing information related to a calendar event in an event file further comprises storing date and event title information related to a calendar event in an event file.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 26, wherein the correlating the digital media file with the information in the event file further comprises correlating metadata in the digital media file with date information in the event file.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 26, wherein the correlating the

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digital media file with the information in the event file further comprises correlating metadata in the digital media file with distinct metadata information in the event file.

32. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving a media file having associated metadata information;
correlating the metadata information with calendar event information, the calendar event information relating to a calendared event created manually and visually represented in a calendar independent of any digital media files;
determining a manner in which the media file will be represented in a media view of the media diary; and
presenting the media file as a media file representation in the media view in accordance with the correlation procedure and the determination of the manner of representation, the media view being generated in a timeline view that combines the media view with a calendar view such that multiple media file representations are enabled to be displayed in a corresponding period of time segment of the timeline view along with a text identification of an event associated with the multiple media file representations, the calendar view including at least one manually entered past event and at least one manually entered event scheduled at a future time.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the determining the manner in which the media file will be represented in a media view of the media diary further comprises determining the size of a thumbnail representing the media file.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 32, wherein the determining the manner in which the media file will be represented in a media view of the media diary further comprises determining a the size of the date column that the representation will reside in.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the determining the manner in which the media file will be represented in a media view of the media diary further

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comprises determining the size of the media view in proportion to the overall viewing area.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the determining the manner in which the media file will be represented in a media view of the media diary further comprises determining a quantity of the media files represented in a date column.

37. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a processor processing unit and memory including computer program code, the memory and computer program code configured to, with the processor, cause the apparatus to at least receive manual input creating an event, to generate a calendar view that represents time in calendar format and visually associates events with respective periods of time, at least one of the events being created and represented in the calendar view independent of any digital media files, and to generate a media view that provides access to digital media files and associates digital media files with a period of time, the media view being generated in a timeline view that combines the media view with the calendar view such that multiple media file representations are enabled to be displayed in a corresponding period of time segment of the timeline view along with a text identification of an event associated with the multiple media file representations, the calendar view including at least one manually entered past event and at least one manually entered event scheduled at a future time.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Canceled)

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40. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 37, wherein the processor ~~processing unit~~ is further configured to search the calendar view and the media view in terms of time period.

41. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 37, further comprising a display in communication with the processor ~~processing unit~~ that presents, independently, the calendar view and the media view.

42. (Previously Presented) The product of Claim 6, wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to automatically correlate respective metadata information of the media file and the at least one calendar event.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein said correlating the metadata includes automatically correlating the metadata in the digital media file with the distinct event metadata event information for an event created and represented in the calendar format independent of any digital media files.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 22, further comprising automatically correlating the metadata in the digital media file with distinct metadata associated with a calendar event created and represented in the calendar format independent of any digital media files.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 30, wherein the correlating the digital media file with the information in the event file includes automatically correlating the digital media file with the information in the event file.

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46. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein said correlating the metadata information with calendar event information includes automatically correlating the metadata information with calendar event information.

47. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 37, wherein said processor ~~processing unit~~ is further configured to automatically correlate respective metadata information of the media file and calendar events, at least one of the calendar events being created and represented in the calendar view independent of any digital media files.